

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Rick Jore, on January 19, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Rick Jore, Chairman (C)  
Rep. Holly Raser, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)  
Rep. George Everett (R)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Bob Lake (R)  
Rep. John Ward (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Roger Koopman, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)  
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. Michael Lange (R)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

##### **Staff Present:**

Donci Bardash, Committee Secretary  
Susan Fox, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 152, 1/12/2007; HB 211,  
1/12/2007; HB 260, 1/12/2007  
Executive Action: None.

00:01:06 Rep. Cordier  
00:01:18 Rep. Jore  
00:02:47 Reps. Koopman, Wilmer, O'Hara arrive

**HEARING ON HB 152**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:21 Rep. Gary Branae (D), HD 54, opened the hearing on  
HB 152, Inflationary increases for K-12 BASE aid and  
general fund components.

[EXHIBIT\(edh13a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh13a02\)](#)

00:03:53 Rep. Hamilton arrives  
00:06:03 Rep. Butcher arrives

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:12:13 Linda McCulloch, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

[EXHIBIT\(edh13a03\)](#)

00:19:50 John Fuller, Montana Board of Public Education

00:25:00 Dick Cameron, Broadus School District

00:29:01 Rep. Jore

00:29:27 Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana

00:30:23 Jan Lombardi, Office of the Governor

[EXHIBIT\(edh13a04\)](#)

00:31:57 Pete Carparelli, Montana Quality Education Coalition

[EXHIBIT\(edh13a05\)](#)

00:36:25 Erik Burke, MEA/MFT

00:40:20 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

[EXHIBIT\(edh13a06\)](#)

00:44:12 Karen Moses, Self/parent

00:48:16 Dave Shreeve, Forsyth Schools

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:50:39 Rep. Everett  
00:51:28 Rep. Branae  
00:51:50 Madalyn Quinlan, OPI  
00:52:17 Rep. Everett  
00:52:36 Ms. McCulloch  
00:53:24 Rep. Everett

00:54:26 Mr. Fuller  
00:56:16 Rep. Wilmer  
00:56:38 Rep. Branae  
00:56:50 Rep. Wilmer  
00:57:13 Ms. McCulloch  
00:57:24 Rep. Wilmer  
00:57:33 Ms. McCulloch  
00:58:06 Rep. Ward  
00:58:39 Ms. McCulloch  
00:59:52 Ms. Quinlan  
01:00:44 Rep. Jore  
01:00:54 Ms. Quinlan

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:01:38 Rep. Branae

**HEARING ON HB 211**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:04:20 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 211, Antidiversion and accountability for Indian Education for All funds.

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh13a07)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:08:21 Ms. Lombardi

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh13a08)

01:09:19 Joe Lamson, OPI

01:11:43 Lynda Brannon, Indian Impact Schools of Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:13:10 Rep. Ward  
01:13:47 Rep. Windy Boy  
01:14:13 Rep. Ward  
01:14:27 Rep. Windy Boy  
01:15:46 Rep. Jore  
01:16:19 Mr. Lamson  
01:17:23 Rep. Cordier  
01:17:59 Rep. Windy Boy  
01:18:58 Rep. Koopman

01:19:30 Mr. Lamson  
01:20:34 Rep. Koopman  
01:21:36 Mr. Lamson  
01:22:42 Rep. Koopman  
01:22:53 Mr. Lamson  
01:23:41 Rep. Butcher  
01:24:20 Mr. Lamson  
01:25:35 Rep. Butcher  
01:26:15 Mr. Lamson  
01:27:24 Rep. Jore  
01:28:05 Ms. Brannon  
01:28:31 Rep. Jore  
01:28:41 Ms. Brannon

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:29:25 Rep. Windy Boy

**HEARING ON HB 260**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:34:09 Rep. Michele Reinhart (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on  
HB 260, Revise laws relating to student regent.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:37:36 Jessica LaRoche, Associated Students of Montana-Bozeman  
01:38:32 Scott Martin, Students of Montana State University-  
Billings  
01:40:31 Denver Henderson, Associated Students of Montana  
01:43:35 Andrea Helling, Associated Students of Montana/ Montana  
Associated Students  
01:44:56 A.J. Hernandez, Associated Students of Montana  
State University, Great Falls College of Technology  
01:46:56 Samantha Clawson, MSU-Northern  
01:47:42 Patti Keebler, Office of the Governor  
01:48:58 Heather O'Loughlin, Board of Regents

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh13a09)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:51:56 Rep. Jore  
01:52:09 Rep. Reinhart  
01:53:34 Rep. Jore

01:53:53 Rep. Butcher

01:55:01 Rep. Reinhart

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:56:13 Rep. Reinhart

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:56:41 Adjournment: 4:57 P.M.

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REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([edh13aad.pdf](#))**